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RUN FOR THE HILLS, BOYS

Glee Club To Present "H.M.S. Pinafore"

Two seniors have been selected to take the leading roles in the Agawam High School's production of "H.M.S. Pinafore." This well known Gilbert and Sullivan operetta will be presented in the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, November 24, at 8 P. M.

Judy Peterson will sing the part of Josephine, the Captain's daughter. Playing opposite her will be John Cardone as Ralph Kackstraw, able seaman.

Other members of the cast are as follows: The Right Honorable Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., Elliot Blackburn; Captain Corcoran, Vaughan Kelley; Dick Deadeye, able seaman, William Munsell; Boatswain, Joseph Davio; Boatswain's Mate, John Johnson; Midshipman, Robert Clampit; Sergeant of Marines, Richard Jabry; Hebe, Irene West; and Mrs. Cripps (Buttercup), Elizabeth Langlois. Understudies include Alice Harpin, Theresa Cardone, Rhoda Dickinson, Julie Mercier, Richard Thomas, and Robert Degnan.

With the exception of the new leading tenor, John Cardone, all of the principals have had at least one year's experience under the direction of Miss Mary Frances Hayes, director of the Glee Club and Supervisor of Vocal Music.

Rehearsals are already in progress and if the enthusiasm already exhibited is any criterion, the produc-

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You Tell Us

What's wrong with our school? How can it be improved? That's what the Student Council would like to know. Don't go complaining to your friends. They can't help you. Put your complaints and your suggestions in the suggestion box that is in the office. The Student Council will do its best to help you out if you have a practical suggestion. Don't neglect the "suggestion box" in the office. Here's your chance to speak up.

Student Council

Left to right: James O'Keefe, president; Lois Bontempo, vice-president; Arlene Egbert, secretary; Chester Nicora, treasurer.

The Student Council held its first meeting on October 5, 1953 in room 23, at 9:05. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Holmes, the advisor. An election was held, and the officers for the coming year are: President, James O'Keefe; vice-president, Lois Bontempo; secretary, Arlene Egbert; treasurer, Chester Nicora.

It was discussed and agreed to hold meetings once a month, and to call a special meeting whenever it is found necessary.

Student Council representatives from each homeroom are:—

Seniors: Room 13—Carol Pallo, Theresa Morassi, Lois Bontempo, James O'Keefe, Roger LeClerc, Danny Molta; room 14—Lucia Alfano, Raymond Saracino; room 22—Nancy Hallock, Ralph D'Amato.

Juniors: Chester Nicora, Dora Papacini, Richard Thomas; room 24—Larry Gallerani, Joseph Davio, Arlene Egbert; room 25—Donald Hastings, Ronald LaFleur, Jane Masure.

Sophomores: Room 19 — James Hauser; room 20—Stanley Drzyzga; room 21—Thomas O'Keefe, Joanne Meissner; room 27 (library)—Richard Stahle.

Freshmen: Room 6—Herbert Labb; room 17—Anthony Saracino; room 26—Theresa Cardone, Gerald Casiello.

The second meeting was held on October 7, 1953. The reading of the Constitution of the Student Council was the main event.

Raymond Saracino was elected chairman of a committee which will go over the constitution and bring to the attention of the Council any new amendments which should be made.

Support your Student Council—they represent you.

Definition

M — Modern, Magnificent
I — Interesting, Informative
R — Reliable, Responsible
R — Remarkable, Respectable
O — Original, Obliging
R — Reputable, Readiness

The annual Sadie Hawkin's Day Dance, sponsored by the Personality Club, will be held on Friday evening, October 30, 1953 in the Agawam High School auditorium.

Lucia Alfano and Lois Bontempo, co-chairmen, are hard at work making the final arrangements. Betty Guidi, in charge of entertainment, has planned an evening full of surprises. Although they don't guarantee kickapoo joy-juice, Dolores Luccardi and Alice Harpin will see that no one goes away hungry. The invitations have been extended to the high school personnel by Rhoda Dickinson. Vaughan Kelley has succeeded in gaining the highlight of the dance —music by the fabulous "Buzzy" Williams and his Music Bees.

All you boys and gals, jump into your oldest clothes, make sure your insurance is paid in full, and rush down to Dogpatch (alias Agawam High School) and have the time of your life.

So all you Daisy Mae's, don't be Lena the Hyena's, make sure that the Lil Abner of your dreams is yours for the dance. Tickets may be bought for only $1.25 from Mary Pond.

So that you won't forget the exciting night at the Sadie, Barbara Cheney will have souvenirs for all. See you there!!

Committee Chosen To Select Sr. Play

Although the annual play, staged by the class of "54", will not take place until spring, the enthusiastic play committee is already hard at work looking for a suitable play.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Nardi, director, and Miss Phelps, senior class advisor, the committee has started a research of various catalogs.

The Senior Play committee consists of: Donaldine Roos, Elliot Blackburn, Theresa Wright, Julie Mercier, Vaughan Kelley, and Barbara Cheney.

Carpenter: "Say, you really hammer nails like lightning?"

Apprentice, eagerly: "You mean I'm fast?"

Carpenter: "I mean you rarely strike twice in the same place!"

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EDITORIAL

"Oh, no! This can't be!"

These are only a few of the numerous complaints you will hear echoing through the halls of A.H.S. come June and graduation time.

"This can't happen to me!" many will exclaim. "That teacher must have made a mistake." A mistake was made all right, but it was not through the fault of a teacher. No, the fault was in the student, in his habits, his manners, his ability to do things, and his power and will to accomplish them.

I can hear many saying, "Well, we can take it easy now and catch up later. June is a long way off." Then spring rolls into summer and June is not far off. Then these famous words go floating through the air, "Why didn't I do my lessons regularly," or "Why didn't I make up that work."

If only you would realize, A.H.S., that now, while there is time, is the precise moment to do your work and do it to the best of your ability. Now is the time to get help; now is the time to find out how you stand.

Many will be saying, "I don't have to worry; I can pass with a 'C' easily enough"—but why does it have to be a "C". If a "C" can be obtained with any effort, why not do some conscientious work and earn a "B" or possibly an "A".

Keep this in mind and you will find that a much better type of student will develop.

Our Song Titles

"We're A-Growing Up"—dignified seniors

"Trust Me"—Jean L.

"There's Music In You"—Donaldine

"Somebody Wonderful"—Rhoda D.

"Tell Us Where the Good Times Are"—Carol F.

"Mr. Touchdown A.H.S."—Bob M.

"Old Don Juan"—Francis Mahoney

"Angel Eyes"—Frannie R.

"Strange Things Are Happening"—Steve S.

"Your Cheating Heart"—Betty P.

"Ain't She Sweet"—Pam S.

"Johnny Is the Boy For Me"—Alice H.

"Sophisticated Lady"—Cecily

"Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes"—Julie

"Night and Day" — Frannie and Roger

GLEE CLUB

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tion should top those of preceding years.

Tickets are available now and reservations for seats should be made early. Tickets may be procured from any member of the cast or Glee Club.

I think, you think, we think, all think.

I copy, you copy, we copy, everybody flunks.

God made man; that wasn't enough. Then he made women; and things really got tough.

ALUMNI

Here's your latest news on the most recent alumni — the class of "53". It seems as though almost everyone is established in his chosen field or line of studies.

Have you heard? Bob Couture has succeeded in playing a whole game of football without a single injury. Bob, who is now attending Trinity Pauling Junior College, was elected as captain of its football team. At Cornell, Dan Barufaldi has made the second string of the freshman team, chosen out of 135 applicants.

Rooming together at Westfield State Teachers College is Lucille Ferrarini, Janet Willard, Esther Didomenicantonio, and Rosemarie McMahon. Don't you think they will make wonderful teachers?? Also rooming together is Jim Fogg and Bob August. They are at the U. of M.

Richard Brissette is working his way through A. I. C. as a soda jerk in the Agawam Center Drugstore, while his old pal, Ray Carestia, is working his way through G. E. School.

Can you see anyone getting up at 4 a. m. — especially Carl Pallo? Carl is at Norwich and at the present time is working with tanks in between the drilling.

Working at the Third National Bank is Pauline Placido and Eileen Haseltine, while their competitor Marcia Binnenkade is doing a grand job at the Springfield National Bank.

Back in the football highlights is Dick Hall. Dick has been chosen as starting quarterback of the freshman team at Trinity College. We hear that a new football player has been added to the long list of the Class of "53". Ted Twarog, now at Nichols Junior College, is not only a member of the football team, but also has been elected as secretary of his dorm.

Well, that's about all for this month, but we'll be back!

Agawam Indian Says –

When in doubt . . . don't.

The only cure for fear is faith.

An idea is no good unless it's put to work.

Better late than never, but better never late.

If you can't write it or sign it, don't say it.

The world's biggest room, is the room for improvement.

Quality is remembered after the price is forgotten.

You can't fool all of the people all of the time.

All is not gold that glitters.

Success comes in "cans," failure in "can'ts".

LeClerc Chosen Again

The Class of 1954 is on its way. Our first meeting was held in Room 26 on September 16. The purpose of the meeting was to elect class officers for our senior year.

Roger LeClerc, last year's president, was again chosen to lead the Class of "54". Roger is a member of the high school football team and of the Student Council. He is well known and liked throughout the high school.

The office of vice-president was filled by Mary Pond. Known for her ability as a leader Mary was also chosen as president of Tri-Hi-Y and secretary of F.T.A.

Donaldine Roos, chosen as secretary for her fourth consecutive year, is noted for her artistic ability. She is also active in Junior Red Cross work.

Filling the position of treasurer, for his second straight year, is John Cardone. John, also a member of the high school football team, has the lead in the operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore."

At the following meetings a variety of committees was chosen. The results were as follows: Class hats, Vaughan Kelley; class colors, Judy Slate; caps and gowns, Shirley Mutti.

Future Events

Oct. 23—School closed—Teachers' Convention.

Oct. 24—Game with Greenfield—Away.

Oct. 30 Sadie Hawkin's Dance.

Nov. 7—Game with Turners Falls—Away.

Nov. 11—School closed—Armistice Day.

Nov. 14—Game with West Side—Home.

November 21—Game with Chicopee—Home

Nov. 24—Operetta: "H.M.S. Pinafore"—presented by the Glee Club.

Nov. 25—School closes at noon—Thanksgiving weekend.

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Fashion-ating News

The talk of the fashion world recently was Diors' statement that the hem lines were going up. One glance at the girls in our school proves that none of them have taken his advice. That doesn't mean that Agawam isn't in style!

Have you seen those cute man-tailored blouses that all the girls are wearing? They come in solid colors, stripes, or very cleverly designed prints. Silver or gold cuff-links look absolutely stunning with these blouses.

White bucks are still popular with the girls as well as the boys. New "craze" among girls, that hasn't hit Agawam as yet, are shoe laces, color-keyed to "man-status." Yellow, she's going steady; white, she's playing the field; brown, she's sworn off men; green, he's jealous; red, she's engaged; and black, she's carrying the torch. If you don't have any shoe laces, you're looking for a beau.

Leather and felt are the materials you'll be hearing the most about. In New York, everyone is wearing felt outfits. A few girls here have those adorable felt skirts. Leather trimmed dresses and suits are coming into the spotlight also.

Agawam hasn't as yet taken to those Bermuda shorts and the bright colored knee socks. They went over big at Holyoke but at Cathedral the girls were laughed at by all the fellows. What about it girls, should we all don Bermudas and knee socks to see how the boys will react? That's all the fashions for this month.

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F.F.A. NEWS

Our F.F.A. chapter has been presented with the most outstanding award in the country—the gold emblem plaque—signifying that it is one of the best chapters in the nation.

We competed with eighty-five hundred high schools throughout the country for this award.

The award was made at the National Convention in Kansas City where President Eisenhower and three of his cabinet members addressed the convention.

Our chapter is the first Massachusetts high school to receive this award. Before this, only one high school in Maine and another in New Hampshire ever won this award in New England.

The award is based on proficiency in community service, co-operation, leadership, earnings, savings, conduct of meetings, scholarships, recreation, supervised farm practice, and all around general activities.

Our F.F.A. advisor and agricultural instructor, Mr. David Skolnick, has been given the most outstanding individual award in the country in F.F.A. work—the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

This degree is given by the National Association of Future Farmers of America in a convention once a year. It is usually given to a person who has attained national prominence in the field of agricultural education. Mr. Skolnick is the first agricultural instructor in Massachusetts to receive this most unusual award.

This year our band was invited and did accept the invitation to play at the National F.F.A. Convention in Kansas City. The band and its advisor, Mr. Skolnick, flew there and back via United Air Lines and T.W.A.

Former President Bernie Campbell invited the chapter and advisor to attend his wedding on Saturday, October 3, 1953, at St. John's the Evangelist Church.

Bernie married Claire M. Knapik, who also attended Agawam High School.

EARLY TO BED

(7:45)

The person who makes a habit
Of catching an early bus
Is calm, serene, and placid
And seldom has to fuss.

He leaps out of bed in a twinkle,
As soon as the cock doth crow
And get to school he shall and must
In spite of knee-deep snow.

His carfare, lunch, and homework
Are placed beside his head
So he's ready to catch the 7:15
As soon as he leaves his bed.

He quickly speeds to the bus-stop,
Afraid that he'll be late.
"Oh, gosh!" he mutters in panic.
But, in spite of his fears and his worries,

He's always the first to arrive.
He madly dashes up the stairs
And into his seat does dive.

A kid of this type, they tell me,
Never makes a slip.
But, if you asked my opinion,
I'd say he was a drip!

(8:29)

Now we come to my type,
Someone who's never there.
You can usually see him at 8:29,
Skipping every other stair.

He never gets to bed 'til 12
And rises long after seven.
The knowledge of when he gets his bus
Is only possessed by Heaven!

He finally makes a late, late bus
And, once settled in a chair,
He stretches and yawns and spreads right out,
Resembling a snoring bear.

He's startled a minute before the bell
By a hand that shakes him hard.
The bus-driver is telling him
That he'll be "en retard."

So feverishly he grabs his things
And dashes out the door.
He tears across the Classical lawn
(Which he's torn across before.)

Will he get to his room? Will he make it?
The moment is quiet and tense.
But I'm a poet who likes to be cruel
So I'll keep you in suspense!

Classical Recorder

Sophs Elect New Officers For Year

The sophomores' first class meeting took place in Room 20 on October 7, at 9:00. The class succeeded in picking a fine group of officers to lead them in the coming year.

The results are as follows:

President, Richard Stahle; vice-president, Eleanor D'Amato; secretary, Barbara Meissner; treasurer, David Monaghan.

Best of luck to the Class of '56!

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A New Experience

On Sunday evening, September 20, the Student Representatives from the surrounding high schools met at the Hotel Kimball. As soon as the representatives arrived we sat down to a buffet supper—which was very good. Before the supper Mr. Wright, Superintendent of Schools in West Springfield, who was in charge of the Student Representatives, gave us our instructions and assigned us our governors. I was assigned to Governor Lodge of Connecticut.

After the supper we went to the Coliseum by bus where we witnessed the public reception to the governors.

Monday morning we went to the State building of our governor, met him, then proceeded on an inspection tour of the building. We broke away from our separate parties and met in the Village Church of Storrowton. Here we were introduced to the various members of the Governors' Day Committees. After the introductions we went to the village green for the public reception for President Eisenhower. After the President's reception we went into a tent beside the Massachusetts building and had lunch with the President. When the luncheon ended we went to the Coliseum where the President gave his address and the governors also gave short speeches. This concluded our stay at the Exposition except for the Daredevil Show. There we were guests of the Governors' Day Committee.

This proved to be a very educational experience. I only wish that more students could have this wonderful opportunity.

R. L.

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Tri-Hi-Y

The Tri-Hi-Y Club held its first meeting of the 1953-54 season on Sept. 22, at which time a new attendance amendment allowing a girl to miss three consecutive meetings before being dropped from the club, was added to the constitution. At this meeting service, music, and program committees were elected. The service committee consists of three juniors; Sandra Fagnani, Phyllis Blanchard, Joyce Minney and three seniors; Carol Flynn, Alice Mueller and Lois Bontempo. Serving on the program committee is Patty Bowne, Jean Brezinski, Alice Arnold, Arlene Egbert, Carole Sulborski, Nancy Hallock, Marilyn Wilson, and Lucia Alfano. Susan Yeakel was elected music leader.

Officers for this year are: President, Mary Pond; vice-president, Theresa Morassi; secretary, Barbara Cheney; treasurer, Shirley Mutti; and chaplain, Carol Pallo.

Membership to this interesting and educational club is open to any junior or senior girl.

Personality Club

At its opening meeting, the Personality Club elected committees for the Sadie Hawkins dance, which is now well under way. The president is Nancy Hallock; vice-president, Donald Hastings; secretary, Marilyn Wilson; treasurer, Frances Radwilowicz. Their steering committee consists of: Seniors Mary Pond, Julie Mercier; juniors Betty Behrens, Gail Slate; sophomores Harriet Shea, Janet Thorpe.

On October 2 a panel discussed the arts of leadership, which was beneficial to everyone. Julie Mercier was chairman with Arlene Egbert, Sandra Fagnani, Harriet Shea, Amber Wolcott, Barbara Maiola, and Rhoda Dickinson on the panel.

I. R. C.

The International Relations Club started off its year with Miss Hayes relating her experiences in Germany, Ireland, Greenland, and other countries, while on tour with the Waves.

This year Lucia Alfano is president; Ann Zucco, vice-president; Arlene Egbert, secretary; and Patricia Bowne, treasurer.

Its first business meeting to discuss this year's plans was held on the 7th.

F. T. A.

The Future Teachers of America started out their year with Nancy Hallock as president; Ann Zucco as vice-president; Mary Pond, secretary; and Nancy Richardson, treasurer. The chairmen of the committees are: Marjorie Magovern, service committee; Frances Willard, social committee; and Ann Zucco, program committee. This year's historian is Judy Peterson.

At the F.T.A.'s first meeting, Miss Elizabeth McCormick spoke on the National Education Association convention, which she recently attended in Miami, Fla.

Miss Wermer, Primary Supervisor of the Agawam Grammar Schools, spoke at their second meeting on her duties as supervisor and answered questions supplied by the club members.

In the future, the F.T.A. plans to make an all-day field trip to Westfield State Teachers College. They also expect to visit the Agawam elementary schools to gain more knowledge of teaching. The club is planning ways to raise money to buy a suit of clothes for a teacher in Korea.

Camera Club

This year things are really beginning to roll in the "Camera Department". Under the supervision of our new science teacher, Mr. Roseman, the club is looking forward to a very prosperous year. Members are planning to provide their own dark rooms, and contests will be held for the outstanding black and white photos. Highlighting each month will be a "portrait contest", in which members will learn to photograph portrait shots of fellow members. Meetings are held every Tuesday. All interested are invited to join.

Prize-Winning Photos Are Shown

The top high school photos in the nation—a selection of the winners from the Sixth Annual (1951) National High School Photographic Awards—are now being shown in Room 15. The exhibit will remain through November 2.

Representative of the best among thousands of pictures entered by high school students from all parts of the country, the display includes the first, second, and third prize-winners in each of the four classes into which the contest was divided. All Special Merit winners and a selection of Honorable Mention winners are also included in the show. A total of 75 photographs are on display.

The contest, sponsored by the National Scholastic Press Association with the cooperation of the Eastman Kodak Company, was open to students from the ninth to twelfth grades inclusive. It offered a total of $3,500 in cash prizes divided into 337 awards. While pictures entered in the contest were no larger than 5 by 7 inches, the maximum size permitted, the salon prints included in this exhibition are enlargements displayed in 12 by 15-inch mounts.

Featured in the exhibit is the Grand Prize—a cute picture of two pups playing on the lawn, taken by a senior at Highland Springs High School, in Virginia. This photograph won a total of $600 in cash prizes.

Other photographs in the exhibit cover a wide range of subject matter. Sports and school activities, beautiful scenics, pictures of young people and adults, and scenes of everyday life are among those included in the display.

Information about the next Annual Awards may be obtained from Mr. Roseman in Room 15, or from National Scholastic Press Association, 18 Journalism Building, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

This next contest will be open to any student in the senior high.

Let's have some winners from Agawam in the next contest.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

New Juniors

Simon Frangie — A student from Cathedral who is now living in Agawam. He enjoys Agawam High very much. He is now taking the college course and is especially interested in football.

Thomas Flanders—He last attended Tech High and is living in Springfield. His main reason for coming to Agawam is our fine agricultural course.

Beverly Gifford—A student from Sommersville, Conn., who now lives in Agawam. She likes Agawam High very much. Beverly is a reporter on the Mirror staff.

Roger Phaneuf — A student from Cathedral who lives in Agawam and likes Agawam High School very much. He is now taking the college course and his special interest is football. Roger is well known among the student body.

Francis Mahoney—Comes to Agawam High from La Salle Academy in Rhode Island. He now lives in Agawam and enjoys Agawam High very much. He takes the college course and his special interest is football.

New Sophomores

An interview was made to find out about our new members and their activities:

Arthur MacIntyre is from Trade and he says he likes the "kids" at Agawam. He has no activities as yet but his interests are building planes and boats.

Janice Reske is from Commerce and she has no activities right now. Her favorite sport is football while her interest is sewing. She has not had time to discover the good qualities of the Agawam kids.

Audrey LaCourse is from Chicopee and she thinks we have a wonderful faculty and the kids make her feel at home. She has no activities as of now but all sports interest her, especially those at school. She also cares for sewing, social work, and writing.

Billie Brewer is from West Side and thinks Agawam has a friendly atmosphere. She is on the Mirror staff while her sports are basketball, badmitten, football, and skating. The things that interest her are reading and bicycle riding.

Pamela Steeves comes from Forest Park and likes Agawam's loyal students. She belongs to the Glee Club, and likes all sports. Skating interests her the most.

Junior Notes

The Junior class is off to a flying start. They held their first class meeting in September. Officers elected were as follows:

President, Donald Hastings; vice-president, Alice Harpin; secretary, Jane Masure; treasurer, Lawrence Gallerani.

All of you had better keep the 4th of December on your mind because that is when the juniors plan to have their Cabaret. Their big event later in the year will be the Prom held the last week of May. These two dances may be in the future, but everyone should start thinking of them now!

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Thru the Keyhole

Well, here we go again!! I bet most of you haven't even read the first page yet.

What goes on down on River Road? . . . Uh — B. Merc. . . . N. Hallock . . . What do the initials A. I. C. stand for?? We hear that Josephine A. likes this song: "Hey, Joe" — Pisano?? Virginia S. — What's the idea of signing your letters "B. S." I Love You?? R. Banville . . . You enjoy blackouts??— at West Side?? M. P. . . . What you need is courage!! B. Morassi . . Don't blush so when he smiles at you!! Shirley M. . . . Really true to "Mac"? Why did you cut your hair so short, Alice H.? Did it get in your way?? Amber . . . What do you see through your telescope?? John C. . . . Is she pretty, or is she pretty? Ricky . . . Well, who is it? Lois L. . . . The eternal triangle!! R. LeClerc and J. O'Keefe . . . How soon?? Julie . . . Did Mr. Smith SEE?? L. F. and D. H. . . . Are the coat closets getting too crowded? Bob S. . . . Is she "Two Young to Tango?" Pat S. . . . Could it be Francis L.?? Karin S. . . . Is he Joe P.?? Judy R. . . . Do you always get a ring in the morning and give it back at night?? Francis M. . . . I love me?? Peter C. . . . Who is it, J. M. or Audrey?? Did I hear that C. Bonavita is going to the Sadie with B. Munsell?? Jean M. . . Is it the driver or the Chrysler convertible?? Susie . . . Trying to support the postoffice?? Joanne M. . . . Who's in room 27?? Betty . . . Looking again?? Why is J. Martino so quiet?? Don G. . . . Why do you blush in geometry?? Berta . . . If you only knew?? Hey, gang!! Can I post the LIST?? Ralph D'Amato . . . So you like them petite!!! Well you can breathe now. That's all for this time, but we'll be back! Last minute note: H. Jabry . . . What happened in the huddle at the Worcester Classical game??

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Two Lumberjacks

One day two lumberjacks were bragging about how good they were in the lumber business. One said that he cut down a tree so large that it took a thousand men to haul it away. The other exclaimed, "Why, that's nothing. I cut down trees so fast that it took 500 men running to and from a nearby lake to cool the 500 axes I was using to chop them down. The water in the lake became SO hot from cooling the axes that all the fish were cooked and floated on the surface of the water. I then took the fish and canned them and went into the canning business for myself. Soon afterward I became a millionaire."

Luck

For those of you who believe in luck
This warning you should heed.
Believe in luck and you'll get stuck,
And more than luck you'll need.
Four leaf clovers sure bring luck,
A friend of mine just found one.
He said, "Darn the Luck," when hit by a truck,
"I wish I never found one."
I found a horseshoe the other day
And threw it over my shoulder.
It's sad to say it cost me my pay,
And in jail I grow quite older.
Don't let black cats cross your path,
And don't walk under a ladder;
Or surely you will feel luck's wrath,
And grow a little sadder.
See a pin and pick it up
And luck is sure to find you;
Unless, of course, a ten-ton truck
Is coming up behind you.
My fingers are crossed both day and night,
This should bring me success.
I got into a fight, got hit with a right,
This sure made me a mess.
When a wolf bays at the moon,
And the evil eye's about,
Don't be a goon, and sit and moon,
Your luck has just run out.
Do you believe in luck like me,
And always seem to blunder?
Someday you'll see and it will be,
When you are six feet under.
from "THE ARGUS"

I call my boy friend Cookie, because he's been a wafer so long.

Meet the Seniors

Name: Ann Zucco
Pet peeve: Silly girls
Ambition: To be a good school teacher
Favorite expression: I've got so much to do!
Couldn't do without: Friends

Name: Sandra Zerra
Pet peeve: Terry, Lois and Susie
Ambition: A recital at Carnegie Hall
Favorite expression: Ohhhhh!
Couldn't do without: Those special detours

Name: Susan Yeakel
Pet peeve: Barney St.
Ambition: To be a successful music teacher
Favorite expression: Light another match
Couldn't do without: Those letters

Name: Theresa Wright
Pet peeve: Dick
Ambition: To be a nurse
Favorite expression: Oh, Brother!!
Couldn't do without: Room 22

Name: Marilyn Wilson
Pet peeve: Compositions
Ambition: To teach reading, writing and arithmetic
Favorite expression: Oh! my golly!
Couldn't do without: Giggling — ?

Name: Fran Willard
Pet peeve: Homework
Ambition: To be a good cheerleader
Favorite expression: Oh, golly!!
Couldn't do without: Roger

Name: Betty Voislow
Pet peeve: Kenny
Ambition: To get on the honor roll this year
Favorite expression: You crazy, little, mixed up kid
Couldn't do without: The mailman

Name: Phil Seymour
Pet peeve: Girls
Ambition: To have a million dollars
Favorite expression: That's the spirit
Couldn't do without: Girls and money

Name: Raymond Saracino
PePt peeve: Not being able to play football
Ambition: To fight the French
Favorite expression: You lucky kid
Couldn't do without: Money

Name: Jim O'Keefe
Pet peeve: Tom and Jerry
Ambition: To be a man
Favorite expression: Honest!!
Couldn't do without: The little one

Breathes there a man with such restraint,
That he never has touched where it says: "Wet Paint".

A Look At Books

The latest books in the library are:

"The Silent World" — about undersea explorations.

"Green Treasury" — contains great nature stories.

"They Have Found a Faith" — tells the world's religions.

"Be Prepared" — about Boy Scouting.

"Diary Of a Young Girl" — about persecution in World War II.

"The Sonnets Of Shakespeare" — for Shakespeare lovers.

"Anna Purna" — interested in mountain climbing?

"Modern American Engineers" — great men of our time.

"Dance to The Piper" — interested in ballet?

"Gilbert and Sullivan" the lives of the men who wrote this year's operetta.

All these books are tops. Take advantage of them.

Arabian Proverb

He who knows not and knows not that he knows not,
He is a fool — shun him;
He who knows not and knows he knows not,
He is simple — teach him;
He who knows and knows not he knows
He is asleep — wake him;
He who knows and knows he knows,
He is wise — follow him.

"Blank Verse"

You say our paper's corny,
We don't print any news —
Well, why don't cha write us letters
Expressing your lofty views?

You scream if you're not in the dirt column —
When we kid ya, you can't take it;
If you like to see yourself in the news,
For Pete's sake, go out and make it.
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BROWNIES STOP HOLYOKE IN OPENER, 18 - 6

Agawam High's "Battling Brownies" opened their 1953 season, Saturday, October 3, with an 18-6 victory over Holyoke High School. Agawam, according to "Major Hoople", was a two touchdown underdog. Our Brownies made the Springfield Union's football expert eat his words.

Rollie Banville had the home crowd of 2000 fans on their feet cheering as he romped 56 yards for Agawam's first touchdown late in the first period. Rollie plunged through the left side of the Holyoke line, turned toward the sidelines and out-raced the bewildered Holyoke team for the touchdown. Before the first period ended Agawam recovered a fumble on the Holyoke 25-yard line.

Early in the second period, Bobby Mercadante raced 25 yards for what looked like an Agawam score, but an off-side penalty called it back. Two plays later "Merc" smashed through the Holyoke line and was in the end zone before Holyoke knew what happened. The touchdown was good this time.

The "Purple Knights" of Holyoke were unable to gain much through the sturdy Agawam line, so they took to the air to score their one and only touchdown. The touchdown came on a pretty screen-pass play, which covered 46 yards and was executed from Lachapelle to Taupier.

Although Agawam threatened once more before the half ended, no one was able to score. The score at the half read: Brownies 12, Holyoke 6.

In the last half, the Brownies dominated! Holyoke passed on almost every play, but couldn't get very far. Joe Pisano intercepted two Holyoke passes, his last interception setting up Agawam's last touchdown. With Phil Cardone, Rollie Banville, and Bob Mercadante leading the way, Agawam drove to the Holyoke one-yard line. Bob Mercadante went over from there. That was the end of the scoring.

The Brownies had many standouts in their victory. J. O'Keere, P. Cardone, R. Banville, and B. Mercadante led the Brownies offensively while R. LeClerc, J. Cardone, R. Jabry, R. Anderson, T. O'Keefe, C. Krygowski, C. Mitchell, J. Pisano, J. Martino, D. Molta, D. Neilson, E. Sharpe, and B. DeGeorge also led the Brownies with their hard and timely blocks and tackles. All around, Agawam proved itself one of the best teams in western Mass.

The score by periods:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T'tl.
AGAWAM	6	6	0	6	18
HOLYOKE	0	6	0	0	6

Scoring: Agawam touchdowns, Mercadante 2, Banville 1; Holyoke touchdowns: Taupier 1.

Junior High Football Captains

The Junior High recently held its elections for room football captains. They were chosen as follows:

Room 1, Jimmy Bruno; room 2, Peter Rossi; room 3, Henry Lessard; room 4, Kenneth Molta; room 7, Philip Hastings; room 8, Philip La Chapelle; room 9, George Graves; room 10, David Jenks; room 11, Tommy Buoniconti; room 12, Robert Orr; room 12A, Jim Reynolds.

Checkerettes Win

On September 30, the annual tryouts for cheerleaders was held. The three groups participating were the "Junior Jets" from the junior class, and "The Six Little Indians" and "The Checkerettes" both from the senior class.

All three groups put on an excellent performance, but the choice of the students was the "Checkerettes."

"The Checkerettes" team consists of Lois Bontempo, Nancy Hallock, Julie Mercier, Mary Pond, Marilyn Wilson, and Frances Willard. These girls put on an outstanding performance at the assembly held October 2, 1953. The school spirit that Agawam has usually had was lacking at this rally. Let's all get together and show our team that Agawam is still high in spirits and right behind them backing them up all the way until we reach our goal.

Mercadante Stars As Agawam Whips Worcester, 34-0

Agawam High rolled to a second straight victory again led by Bobby "Merc"' who scored four out of five Agawam touchdowns. It didn't take long for the inspired Brownies, under the excellent leadership of Phil Cardone, to score a touchdown in the second play of the game. A Worcester fumble was recovered by Bob Anderson, and on the following play Bobby "Merc" took a shovel pass from quarterback Jim O'Keefe and scored from the 22-yard line.

The outstanding play of the game came in the third period when Bobby "Merc" broke through the left side of the line, evaded several Worcester Classical tacklers, and galloped 68 yards for a touchdown. Joe Pisano kept Agawam on the scoring trail when he intercepted a pass on Agawam's 35-yard line and ran it back to Worcester's 25-yard line to set up the fourth Agawam touchdown. Jim Bruno, substituting for the injured "Rollie" Banville, finished off Agawam's parade of touchdowns in the fourth period when he swept the left end. Phil Cardone went over for the extra point, his third of the game.

Despite the lop-sided score Worcester Classical, led by Bill Rilley and Jerry Manassis, controlled the ball a good part of the game, as was shown by the 11 first downs, but just couldn't get the spark to score a touchdown.

The unsung heroes of the Brownie team — the linemen — did their usual good job led by standouts Roger LeClerc, "Humphrey" Jabry, Douglas Neilsen, and John Martino, substituting for the injured John Cardone. The Agawam second team, which finished out the game, did a fine job in holding back Worcester Classical's final attempt for a touchdown.

Football Alphabet

A. Annoying — Dave Monaghan
B. Bashful — Chet Krygowski
C. Courteous — "Skip" Sharpe
D. Doll — Coach Leonardi
E. Eager — "Bobo" Crean
F. Flirtatious — Andy Anderson
G. Gay — Louie "Merk"
H. Handsome — Tom O'Keefe
I. Irresistable — Jim O'Keefe
J. Jolly — "Humphrey" Jabry
K. Keen — Bob "Merc"
L. Lover — John Cardone
M. Mysterious — Gerard Dubuc
N. Nice — Dan Molta
O. Optimistic — "Chick" Mitchell
P. Powerful — Phil Cardone
Q. Quick — "Rollie" Banville
R. Rugged — Joe Pisano
S. Smiling — Charlie Robinson
T. Tops — Roger LeClerc
U. Understanding — Stan Drzyzga
V. Vigorous — "Turk" Bruno
W. Witty — Bob Clampit
X.* Xanthochroid — Bobby DeGeorge
Y. Yummy — Ricky Stahle
Z. Zany — Buzzy Williams
*—for meaning, ask Bobby

When my wife wants money, she calls me "handsome".

"Handsome?"

"Yeah, hand some over!"

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